

COUNTY REPORT

Supervisor Explains His Vote on Retirement Plan

By BURTON CHACE County Supervisor

At what age should an employee be told he must retire—65 or 70? Supervisors, over my lone "no" vote, have lowered the mandatory retirement age for county employees to age 65. I believe this will prove costly to the county, in terms of dollars as well as in leadership and valuable experience.

It seems rather cruel to say a man has to retire at 65. We have a tremendous investment in department heads, chief deputies, and other key employees.

If age has made a man incompetent, the position can be dealt with in other manners in the county's best interests, but making retirement mandatory at 65 will cost us many men who are competent, energetic, and hard-working.

I REALIZE that banks and insurance companies are working toward age 65 retirement as policy, but I also believe most businesses hold to the 70-year mark. Modern science and our increased standard of living are making Americans valuable and competent well past the age of 65.

Other than the moral question, I am concerned, too, with the cost of such a program to the county. When the matter first was proposed, the county treasurer indicated it would cost "in the millions."

This is only logical, since the county must more than match every \$1 the employee invests into the retirement fund. If the employee is going to draw on the fund earlier than age 70, he is going to be placing an added burden on the fund's reserves.

NOW THE Board of Retirement, made up of a cross section of county representatives and employees, believes the extra cost can be made up through more lucrative investments with the capital on hand. The board lends and invests the money for the benefit of the reserve.

To my thinking, it would be wiser to put the increased revenues from these investments back into the reserve fund. You just can't have enough money in such a reserve, particularly if our economy comes across some hard times.

Those are my reasons for opposing the mandatory age 65 retirement. It may be a while before my position is borne out, but I believe the day will come when there may be some regrets over lowering the mandatory age.

STEPS HAVE been taken to assist the property owners even more in their appeals on property assessments.

New rules for the three Assessment Appeals Boards, appointed by the county supervisors, have been put into effect. The key

change regards assessment appeals which are upheld.

If a board cuts an assessment and the Assessor's Office restores it to the old level the next year, the burden of proof will be on the Assessor, not the property owner. In the past, the owner has been forced to appeal

again to prove that the Assessment Appeals Board erred.

PROPERTY owners who believe their assessments are too high should take their case to these Appeals Boards. There is a very high rate of reductions made.

In 1967-68, for example, the Boards approved reductions in assessments for 4,166 property owners. Of these appeals, the Assessor's Office recommended 1,880 of the changes for various reasons.

Any property owner can appeal his assessment — without

benefit of an attorney. He must prove the assessment is too high to the board, which has the power to lower it.

THE BOARD of Supervisors, which set up the appeals system, uses the same procedure in developing its budget, which leads

to the setting of a tax rate. Citizens can come to budget hearings in June to lodge their protests against expenditures proposed for the fiscal year.

And, believe me, the voice of a single citizen can make a great deal of impact on a county budget.

Art Exhibit Scheduled

Monday. There is no admission charge.

Beller's technique combined academic and realistic approaches in his watercolors. Brasz, who was included in the famous New York Armory Show of 1913, did eloquent work in watercolors. He was proficient at quick sketches and indulged in social comment in his works. A few oils are included in his portion of the exhibition.

EXTRA VALUE DAYS!

SAFeway, BIG BUY, Tide XK Detergent 59c, Safeway Coffee 2.98, Velkay Shortening 3.49, Town House Vegetables 5.1, TV Dinners 49c, Popular Motor Oils 3.1

LOW PRICES OF COURSE! Town House Soups, Highway Applesauce, Lucerne Dry Milk, Sno-White Salt, Lucerne Slenderway, Sea Trader Tuna, Brocade Tissue, FROZEN FOOD BUYS! Ice Cream, Bel-air Peas, Cream Pies, Orange Juice

SAFeway EXTRA VALUES IN MEATS! McCoy Meats, Sliced Bacon, Piece Bacon, Smoked Picnic

Auction Scheduled Saturday, Chuck Roasts, Fresh Fryers, 7-Bone Steak, Top Sirloin, Boneless Roast, O-Bone Roast, Boneless Steak, Skinless Franks, Lunch Meats, Liver Sausage

BOTTLE SHOP BUYS, Gin, Vodka, Whiskey, Gin, Bourbon, Scotch, Rum, Whisky

Truly Fine Hair Spray, Choice of Regular or Super Hold

BAKE SHOP FRESH, Fresh Diet Bread, Coffee Cake

DAIRY & DELICATESSEN, Margarine, Lucerne Yogurt, Biscuits, Longhorn Cheese

EXTRA VALUE FEATURES! Green Beans, Liquid Bleach, Salad Dressing

Fancy Bananas, Fancy Papayas

Seedless Grapefruit, Red Ripe Tomatoes, Fresh Dates, Green Cabbage, Fresh Carrots

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Auction Scheduled Saturday

A special collection of coins, currency and jewelry belonging to the estates of Albert W. Walton and Edward I. Segal will be sold at auction Saturday, according to Baldo M. Kristovich, Los Angeles County public administrator.

The auction will be conducted by George H. Barclay, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, at the Public Administrator's Warehouse, 4524 Brazil St., Los Angeles.

Items being offered for sale may be inspected Friday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. or Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

All sales are "as is" and cash or cashiers' checks must be presented in full payment at the time of the sale.

Among the items to be sold are silver, gold, and copper coins from a number of nations, U.S. proof and mint sets, U.S. special mint sets, Canadian mint sets, and various foreign currencies and military script.

Jewelry includes a collection of some 100 assorted gold bracelets, charms, and pendant charms; a black star sapphire man's ring, money clips, and rings containing semi-precious stones.

Tea Cancelled

The Maternity Tea, scheduled by the Torrance Memorial Hospital Auxiliary for tomorrow at the hospital, has been cancelled due to the flu epidemic, according to Mrs. Melvin Wells, president.

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